

**STATE OF GEORGIA
HENRY COUNTY
CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE**

RESOLUTION NO. R20-1192

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMICUS BRIEF FILED BY THE
GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, the state of Georgia remains under a state of emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, Governor Brian P. Kemp has relaxed and/or removed many restrictions on businesses resulting in citizens and visitors interacting in public and commercial establishments;

WHEREAS, the guidelines promulgated by the White House on re-opening America specifically call for a 14-day downward trajectory among other gating criteria, which guidelines are specifically incorporated by reference;

WHEREAS, the incidence of infection and death in Henry County has consistently risen signifying the continued spread of the highly contagious and deadly disease;

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that we all work together to decrease the widespread proliferation of COVID-19 among us all now exceed locally available resources;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") advises that the use of masks or cloth face coverings will slow the spread of COVID-19, and the CDC recommendations on PPE usage are hereby incorporated by reference;

WHEREAS, taking measures to control outbreaks minimizes the risk to the public, maintains the health and the safety of the City's residents, and limits the spread of infection in our communities and within the healthcare delivery system;

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta, by order of the Mayor, adopted a policy requiring the wearing of masks or facial coverings within the city limits of Atlanta to slow the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Governor has filed a lawsuit to prevent the enforcement of the Atlanta order;

WHEREAS, the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) who has filed a brief in the case of Governor Kemp v. the Mayor and City Council of the City of Atlanta;

WHEREAS, the GMA leadership made the decision to file the brief in opposition to the Governor's actions because his lawsuit goes beyond the case against Atlanta and includes provisions that affect ALL of Georgia's cities, including the right of Stockbridge to require facial coverings or masks within its own buildings, including City Hall;

WHEREAS, the GMA brief is to protect Home Rule for all cities and to protect the right of approximately 100 cities who have already adopted a policy regarding the wearing of masks in their own public buildings in order to protect their own employees and local citizens;

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Mayor of the City of Stockbridge, with advice from subject matter experts, emergency conditions persist within the City and throughout the State of Georgia requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Stockbridge and the State of Georgia.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the City of Stockbridge expresses its fullest support for the filing of the above referenced Amicus Brief and applauds the Georgia Municipal Association for taking this action.

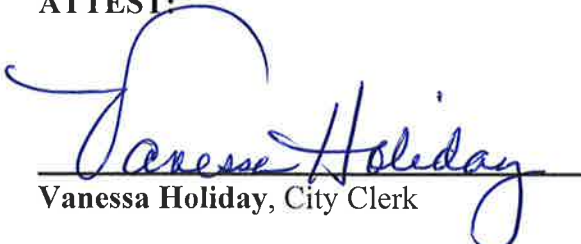
RESOLVED FURTHER THAT All persons are encouraged in the strongest possible terms to wear a facial covering or mask whenever in any public place in the City of Stockbridge, especially when in an indoor or outdoor environment in which people cannot maintain adequate social distancing (i.e., at least six feet away from other individuals who do not share the same household).

RESOLVED this 28th day of July, 2020.

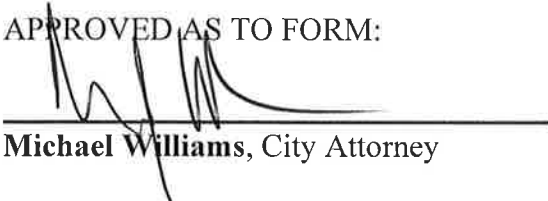
CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA


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